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A PERSONAL NOTE: If anyone wants information in HA, please email me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else. This issue is going out early so you can have the latest convention information

SECOND REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The Second Supplement to the 2nd Revised Ultimate History is now available for \$6.50 including P&H. Both supplements are \$11.50 including P&H

The 2001 “2nd Revised Ultimate History” with the first and second supplement is \$55 plus \$4. Please send information for the third supplement when you can, the earlier the better. I will need the information by October 1, 2004.

I did not write a Supplement 6 for my Necrology. Most of the information is in HA anyway and there is much info on the internet, especially by Ron Sayles. His web site is <http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>

CONVENTION 2004: Dates are Oct 21 – 24, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note new web site name at end of HA. Update is attached.

CONVENTION 2003: 2003 Convention booklets are available for \$3.00 including P&H. There are many guests bios and pictures. Our handouts were letter openers this year. Send me a SASE for one. 2002 pens are available for \$1.00 including P&H. 2001 pens are available for \$1.00 each including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H. Past Convention Booklets are \$2.50 each including P&H.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Production, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. Email: berney@fred.net

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, email me for it and I will email it to you. If you don't have email, please send me a SASE for it...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, Jul – Aug; article about Bea Benaderet...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**; August; articles about Sam Edwards; Jackson Beck...**September**; article about the Big Bands; **Jot 'em Down Journal**, August; more Lum and Abner material...**Radio Recall**, August; articles about Charlie Chan; Stella Dallas; Arturo Toscanini; Jackson Beck...**Tradition**, July – August; article about Old-time Dancing; also short bios of all nominees for America's Old-time Country Music Hall of Fame...**Jack Benny Times**; Sep - Dec., article about Jack's first “legit” performance in “The Great Temptations”...**On the Air**; article about Arthur Anderson...**Return With us Now**, September; articles about the Hindenburg disaster; NBC chimes...**Nostalgia Digest**, Autumn; articles about Ronald Reagan; Crooners; Popeye; Kate Smith; Irna Phillips

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...**Ben Ohmart** has written several books and “The Life and Voices of Paul Frees” is one of his best. This is the first thorough look at the actor who has been in thousands of radio programs, TV shows and commercials.

It is all documented. Very well recommended. Cost is \$29.95 at BearManor Media, Box 750, Boalsburg, PA 16827 <Bearmanor.media.com>.. "Gang Busters" by Martin Grams, Jr., OTR Publishing, Box 252, Churchville, MD 21028 (717) 456-6208. Cost is \$35.00. This book covers everything you can think of about the series plus more. Every episode is documented. 690 pages of more information you can think of.

CONVENTIONS:

29th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 30 – Sep 5, 2004 at Harrison County Fairgrounds in Missouri Valley, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 492, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363 <bobeverhart@yahoo.com>.

29th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 21 - 24, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>

SPERDVAC Convention, November 12 – 14 at the Hacienda Hotel at LAX. Bobb Lynes will be the convention chair. (1-877-251-5771) or www.sperdvac.org

19th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, April 15 - 16, 2005; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (859) 282-0333.<haradio@hotmail.com>

SPERDVAC's Convention 2004 plans are moving forward as you read this. As you may know, the Society to Preserve & Encourage Radio Drama, Variety And Comedy is celebrating its 30th year of preserving America's radio history this year. We are hosting our Old-Time Radio Convention 2004 this November 12, 13 & 14 at the Hacienda Hotel, 525 N. Sepulveda Blvd.in El Segundo, California near LAX. It is our way of thanking and honoring the people who made radio broadcasting during the "Golden Age" so wonderful and entertaining. As in our past 19 conventions, we're inviting all our Honorary Members to attend the banquets as our guests and many of them will participate in re-creations of OTR shows and on panels. We're inviting SPERDVAC's founders to join us as well as all our former presidents. There will be at least 7 panels, 5 re-creations, 2 banquets and a Sunday brunch. As always, we'll have a free-admission dealers' room where people can sell their OTR books, tapes, CDs & memorabilia.

Again this year, we'll have a printed program for attendees to use in guiding them through the convention. We'll have space for ads, congratulations, messages, etc. in the program. For rates, contact me at address below. For Dealers' Room information, contact: Glenn Mueller, 18716 East Aguirre St., Rowland Heights, CA 91748, or Email: DurangoKid@worldnet.att.net Convention registration forms will be available at our web site: www.sperdvac.org or by calling (Toll-Free) 1(877)251-5771.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>.. ...**Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>...**Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org>...**Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia>...**Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>...**First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>>...**Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org>...**Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com>...The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmc/otrbuffalo/>> ...**Doug Kosmonek** <members.shaw.ca/douglkosmonek>...new email is <douglkosmonek@shaw.ca>...**Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com>...**The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com...**Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <<http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/>>...**Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>>...**RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): McCoy's Recording (Pat McCoy), Box

1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602
 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** 711 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066
 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-
 866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St.,
 North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 <Tedotr@aol.com> (WEB) www.radiomemories.com....**Great
 American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775,
 Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books
 and magazines on OTR...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-
 3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 3107, Wallingford, CT 06492 (1-800-833-4248)...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.**
 (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA
 91409)...**John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>...
Vintage Audio (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112
 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com>.....**Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD
 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI
 48127 <platecap@brcradio.com> <www.brcradio.com>...**Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280
 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042...**Audio Classics Archive** (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell,
 MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com>...**Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire
 Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio
 Theater)...**Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net>...**Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North
 Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>... **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103
 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.olderradio.com>...**Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010
 <www.crabapplesound.com>

All listings below list sampling of shows. **BRC Productions:** digital Re-Masters of The
 Mysterious Traveler...**Audio Classics;** The complete series of Luke Slaughter including 3/30/58; also 42
 episodes of **Unit 99**, a West Coast series;

OLD FRIENDS: **Joe Webb** has the following equipment available: Tascam patch bay PB-32-H with
 cables, Teac graphic equalizer EQA-10, Pioneer dynamic expander EX-9000. All three can be had for \$20 for
 shipping. E-mail him at drjoewebb@yahoo.com for availability; first request gets them.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **James Sipich**, 805 Lakeshore Dr., Tuscola, IL
 61953...**Jim Markgraf**, 23 Cloverdale Ln., Schaumburg, IL 60194...**Carl Aspland, Jr.**, 23 Cypress St.,
 Bristol, CT 06010...**Patrick Crea**, 488 Van Cortlandt Park Ave., Yonkers, NY 10705

IN FOND MEMORY: **Ann DeMarco**, Jul 27, singer with her sisters. **Sam Edwards**, Jul 28, 89;
 Prolific radio actor. Attended our FOTR convention twice... **Jackson Beck**, Jul 28, 92; wonderful tributes to
 him, with much information given by Anthony Tollin. Attended our first convention in 1976 and all
 conventions through 1994; then 1996 - 1999. He was always willing to act in any part we would give him.
Virginia Grey, Jul 31; 87; (Screen Guild Theater)...**Fay Wray**, Aug 8; 96; (Radio anthologies)...**Tony
 Mottola**, Aug 9; 86; One of our top guitarists; on several radio programs...**Virginia Venable Rapp**, Aug 12,
 97; radio performer; formed CD Morris Assoc. with husband William Rapp; wrote Rinso scripts, picked
 stories for The Shadow.

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970.

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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CONVENTION 2004: UPDATE # 2

October 21 - 24, 2004

General Information

All information about **Seating, Ads, Registration, Rooms** are on the first update that came with the flyer. **Please preregister.** Those coming for the day on Friday and Saturday will save \$5 a day by preregistering. Also, if you are coming for the day only, you will not have to stand in line and fill out a registration card if you preregister. Don't forget the package prices. ...Remember: **Those people paying for the day must pay an extra \$10 if they want to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres.** The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only.

If you wish to stay for the re-creations at night and you do not stay for dinner, the cost is \$20.

Guest Changes

New Guests: James Pegolotti (Author: Deems Taylor); Louise O'Brien (Singer; Radio and Television; Arthur Godfrey; Mitch Miller); Scott Schecter (Author Judy Garland)

Returnees: Ted Reid; Shirley Eggleston; Lynne Rogers; Craig Wichman

Dealers

There are a few tables left.

Workshops and Re-creations

The complete schedule as of September 10th is enclosed. Re-creation, workshop and panel leaders please take notice. Please make sure that all your participants are aware of the times for rehearsals and performances. If you need anything special, please let me know. If your people need rides, make sure Bill Nadel knows what time they have to be at the convention. He should be called by October 1st (212) 724-0763.

Raffle

There will be a raffle on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. If you would like to donate prizes, please let me know. We depend on the money received from the raffle and the sale of books, records, tapes, t-shirts and pins at the FOTR table to help pay for the many guests we have at our convention. We also will have tote bags and mugs for sale

Books

Books on sale at the convention as of now follow. If authors are tentatively coming, they are marked by an asterisk (*): Some authors will have their own tables; "Deems Taylor" by *James Pegolotti; "Radio Programs Openings and Closings" by Vincent Terrace; "The Andrews Sisters" by H Arlo Nimmo; "Storytelling Pulp" by Tom DeForest; "Mr. Keen" by Jim Cox; "Aw...Relax, Archie! Re-Laxx!" by *Hal Stone; "Arturo Toscanini, The NBC Years" by *Mortimer Frank...Martin Grams, Ben Ohmart will have their own tables.

The Third Supplement to my **Second Revised Ultimate History** will be for sale.

Hotel

Don't forget to reserve your rooms quickly. They may very soon be all sold out. Call the **Holiday Inn-North** directly during business hours for reservations (1-973-589-1000) or (1-973-854-7817) and ask for Isabel. Also call the 800 numbers for Howard Johnson and the Sheraton for the best prices.

A tentative schedule Follows (As of September 10th)

Wednesday: Dealers tables and possibly sound equipment set up at night
Complimentary Wine and cheese from 6 pm to 10 pm.

Thursday: The sound equipment and the stage will be set up. Dealers will be open at 9 am.

1:30 - 2:15	OTR Pubs (DT)
2:30 - 3:15	Digital OTR, the Mini Disc Solution (JG, FB)
3:30 - 4:15	"Deems Taylor" with James Pegolotti
4:30 - 5:30	Tom Powers reading (Superman)

5:30 – 8:00 Cocktails and Dinner; raffle
 8:00 – 8:45 Original re-creation (**You Are There**) (Rehearsal 4:00 – 5:30 pm; reading 2:45 – 3:45 pm) (A Anderson)
 8:45 – 9:15 Meet Robert Shayon
 9:30 – 10:15 Those Were the Days Radio Players present Duffy's Tavern "Who Done it in Dorset" with Jack Bivans; (Rehearsal 2:30 – 4:00)

Friday Morning and Afternoon

9:00 – 9:30 The Greatest Radio Actor (JG)
 9:45 – 10:45 A Tribute to Jackson Beck (AT)
 11:00 – 11:45 What's My Name? (DZ)
 12:00 – 12:45 Jack Benny, Cartoon Star (MH, DT)
 1:00 – 2:00 Bob and Ray (H Stone, B Hastings)
 2:15 – 3:30 Radio Comedians (Derek Tague, Mary Lou Wallace with guests; those being considered are: Elena Verdugo, Soupy Sales, Jane Kean, Dick van Patton, Bobby Ramsen, Ted Reid, Will Hutchins)
 3:45 – 4:30 One on One with Arthur Anderson (DZ)
 4:45 – 5:30 (Re-creation) Gotham Radio Players; Original presentation "The Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto" by Morton Wishengrad (Rehearsal 3:00 – 4:30)

Friday Evening

5:30 – 7:45 Cocktails and Dinner, raffle
 8:00 – 8:45 (Re-creation) **Great Scenes from Great Plays**; Dir. by A Anderson) (Rehearsal 12 noon – 1:30 pm; Reading 9:45 – 10:45)
 9:00 – 9:30 Ted and Ruth Reinhart present a Nostalgia Show
 9:40 – 9:50 The Bickersons with Rosemary Rice and Bob Hastings
 10:00 – 10:40 (Re-creation) **My Favorite Husband** with Paul Petersen; (Dir - G Yoggy) (Rehearsal 1:30 – 3:00; Reading 12:15 – 1:15)

Saturday Morning and Afternoon

10:15 – 11:45 Master class with the Absegami Emanon Players; They present SUSPENSE "The Screaming Woman." (A Anderson and others) Sutton Room
 9:00 – 9:45 Who Wants to be a Millionaire (MW)
 10:00 – 10:45 Husband and Wife Detective Teams (Jack French)
 11:00 – 11:45 Arturo Toscanini (Mortimer Frank with possible Walfredo Toscanini, grandson)
 12:00 – 12:45 Re-creation; David Warren Players "Baby Snooks" (Rehearsal 10:15 – 11:45) (Reading 9 - 10 am)
 1:00 – 1:45 Children's Shows (G Downs)
 2:00 – 2:45 Remembering Judy Garland (Gari Yoggy and Robert Gari, artist; Scott Schecter, author)
 3:00 – 4:30 Singers, musicians and Big Bands, 8th annual (Stu Weiss and Brian Gari) with possible guests; Bucky Wilkin (Ronny and the Daytonas), Patricia Timberg, Jane Kean, Louise O'Brien
 4:45 – 5:30 Re-creation: **Sherlock Holmes "The Lost Special"** (Dir. by Bill Nadel) (Rehearsal 3:30 – 4:45; Reading 11:45 – 12:45 pm)

Saturday Evening

5:30 – 8:00 Cocktails and Dinner, raffle, awards,
 8:00 – 8:45 (Re-creation) **The Green Hornet** (A Tollin) (Rehearsal 2:15 – 3:30; Reading 1:00 – 2:00)
 9:00 – 9:30 Ted and Ruth Reinhart Present a Western show
 9:40 – 9:50 The Bickersons (Rosemary Rice and Bob Hastings)
 10:00 – 10:40 (Re-creation) **A Crime Letter from Dan Dodge with Shirley Eggleston** (D Ramlow) (Rehearsal 1:00 – 2:15; Reading 11:45 – 12:45)

Sunday Morning

7:00 – 9:30 Breakfast in the restaurant
 9:30 – 11:00 Informal Panel in the Dresden Room